



International J/22 Class Association

Midwinter Championship Regatta

March 18-21, 2027

Race Days: March 19-21, 2027



Organizing Authority: Bay Access Sailing Foundation
Host Club: Lakewood Yacht Club, Seabrook, Texas, USA
Endorsed by International J/22 Class Association

NOTICE OF RACE

Posted October 7, 2026

The notation [NP] in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025- 2028.
- 1.2. The International J/22 Class Rules apply.
- 1.3. CR I.3 CREW LIMITATIONS is in effect. This changes class rule C.2.1, there shall be no limit on total crew weight.
- 1.4. The Organizing Authority plans to include the Vakaros Atlas 2 RaceSense as required equipment for this event. If so, each boat shall either provide a working Atlas 2 at registration for configuration with RaceSense, or an Atlas 2 will need to be rented for an additional rental fee. Instructions for rental and use will be provided. [DP]
- 1.5. Boats may be required to display bow numbers chosen and supplied by the OA. [DP][NP]
- 1.6. In case of conflict between NOR and the SIs, the SIs shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.5 (c).

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available online no later than Wednesday, March 17, 2027 at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/shQIMbXxW5>

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The official notice board will be located online at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/shQIMbXxW5>
- 3.2. All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on US channels. [DP]
- 3.3. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.4. While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. [DP]

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The regatta is open to all boats of the J/22 class.
- 4.2. Boats may enter the event by registering online at: <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/shQIMbXxW5>
- 4.3. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.4. All skippers must be members of the J/22 Class Association.

- 4.5. Competitors shall submit a crew list at registration. Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Chief Judge. Substitution will be permitted only in case of illness, accident, or other exceptional circumstances. [DP]
- 4.6. A boat's number of crew shall not change during the regatta. [DP]
- 4.7. Entry is not complete until the Organizing Authority receives a Waiver and Release of Liability from each skipper and crew member. All waivers shall be submitted no later than the close of the Competitors Briefing. [NP] [DP]
- 4.8. The Waiver and Release of Liability is online at: <https://form.jotform.com/262224382737156>

5. FEES

- 5.1. Entry fees are as follows:
 - Paid prior to February 25, 2027: \$350
 - Paid on February 26, 2027 or later: \$400
 - Additional guests: \$90
- 5.2. Registration closes at 1800 local time on March 13, 2027.
- 5.3. Entry fee includes: breakfast on all race days, happy hour appetizers on Friday and Saturday for skipper and two or three crew members.

6. ADVERTISING AND PHOTOGRAPHY

- 6.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. [DP] [NP]
- 6.2. Competitor advertising will be restricted as follows: no advertising may be displayed on Lakewood Yacht Club premises without prior written permission of the Race Committee. [DP] [NP]
- 6.3. By entering the Regatta, competitors accept that they may be photographed and/or video recorded participating in the Regatta and/or using club facilities, and they consent to the taking of such images and to the use, reuse, publication, and republication of such images in any media, in conjunction with the competitors name or not, without compensation and without the competitor's approval of such images or any use thereof.

7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1. The event schedule is:
 - Thursday, March 18**
 - 0900-1800 Check-in
 - 1330 Practice Race
 - 1800 Competitors Briefing and Welcome
 - 2200 All boats must be launched
 - Friday, March 19th**
 - 0730-0830 Breakfast
 - 1100 First Warning Signal
 - After Racing Debrief and Happy Hour
 - Saturday, March 20th**
 - 0730-0830 Breakfast
 - 1100 First Warning Signal
 - After Racing Debrief and Dinner
 - Sunday, March 21**
 - 0730-0830 Breakfast
 - 1100 First Warning Signal

1400 No Warning Signal after this time
After Racing Awards

- 7.2. Three (3) races are planned for each day.
- 7.3. Nine (9) races are scheduled.
- 7.4. One (1) extra race per day may be sailed, provided that the series is no more than one race ahead of schedule.
- 7.5. On Sunday, March 21st, no warning signal will be made after 1400.

8. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 8.1. Each boat shall submit a valid IJ22CA Measurement Certificate before becoming an official competitor. Pre-certification before arriving at the regatta is strongly encouraged.
- 8.2. Boats may be inspected or measured during the regatta at the discretion of the Race Committee.

9. RACE AREA

- 9.1. Race Area will be Galveston Bay west of the Houston Ship Channel between Red Bluff to the north and Eagle Point to the south.

10. COURSES

- 10.1. The courses will be windward – leeward courses using dropped marks. Offset marks and gates may be used as necessary.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1. The penalty system described in US Sailing Prescription Appendix V1 and V2 shall apply.

12. SCORING

- 12.1. RRS Appendix A will apply except that a boat's worst score will not be excluded until five (5) or more races have been completed. This changes RRS A2.1.
- 12.2. Two (2) races are required to constitute a series.

13. SUPPORT VESSELS [DP] [NP]

- 13.1. Competitors may not have any contact or communication with support boats after reaching the starting area for the first race of the day until after they are finished racing for the day.

14. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 14.1. Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee. [DP]
- 14.2. Rudders shall remain affixed. [DP]

15. RISK STATEMENT

- 15.1. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.
- 15.2. The OA including the sponsors, the race committee, the officers, directors, employees and members of the OA, IJ22CA, and all those involved in these organizations will not accept any

liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.

16. INSURANCE [DP] [NP]

- 16.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

17. PRIZES

- 17.1. Prizes will be given as follows:
- Top five (5) boats of the regatta.
 - Daily Winners
 - Top boat with skipper and all crew age 30 or under
 - Additional Prizes May be Awarded.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 18.1. For further information contact:

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